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Proposed Road Budget 2018/19

I am pleased to propose a road budget that is slightly lower than the current fiscal year, but with a caveat. We do not yet know what the plowing costs will be for the next five years. That is currently out to bid, with those bids due January 4, 2018.

Commissioner Salary – A \$20 increase (3.08%) is proposed, to a whopping \$670/year. At some point the road commissioner position will require some funding if and when that is split from the Administrative Assistant's job.

Road Commissioner Expenses – No change is proposed from the current fiscal year. This covers mileage and training expenses for the commissioner.

General Maintenance – No change is proposed from the current fiscal year.

Mowing – A \$400 increase is proposed. This will go out to bid in the summer of 2018.

Sweeping – As with mowing, this will also go out to bid in 2018. I do not anticipate a significant increase in sweeping costs.

Crack Sealing – We've been spotty on sealing cracks from year to year. We did not do any during the summer of 2017. I hope to have Walker Road done in the spring of 2018, depending on the price. For the 18/19 budget, Asa's Lane or Needles Eye would be a good crack seal candidate.

Tree Removal – No change is proposed from the current fiscal year. No specific road is yet scheduled for tree work.

Buttermilk Road – A \$500 reduction is proposed. The road shoulders and culverts are in pretty good shape.

Shore Road – No change is proposed to the budget. We need to do some work to repair the pavement edge between Wolf Run and Deer Run. This section has not held up particularly well to the snow plow.

Mill Road - A \$500 reduction is proposed. We paved the western end of the road in the summer of 2017 and it's in pretty good shape. The eastern end will require some shoulder work.

Walker Road – As mentioned, crack sealing will be in order on this road in the spring of 2018. Other than that, the road is in decent shape, so a \$1,000 reduction is proposed.

Asa's Lane – Some shoulder shaping is needed, and ditching on the end closest to Walker Road would be in order. No change to the \$2,000 budget is proposed.

Needles Eye Road – A \$1,000 reduction is proposed to this road. We do have some shoulder work that should be done on the Asa's Lane/Walker end.

Clamshell Alley – While this looks like a huge increase (150%), it's just a \$150 increase to reflect what the actual cost of minimal work would look like.

Cos Cob Avenue – Same explanation as Clamshell Alley

Raccoon Cove Road – No change from the current fiscal year budget is proposed. There are some shoulder issues that need to be addressed from time to time.

Marlboro Beach Road – A \$500 increase is proposed. Work is needed at the end that leads onto the beach, and the hill leading down to that end traditionally needs shoulders shaped and/or ditched.

Seal Point Road – This will be paved and during the current fiscal year, some shoulder work will be accomplished prior to paving. Because of that, it's hoped that we can reduce the maintenance to \$2,500, a reduction of \$1,500.

Berry Cove Road – We really need to grade this road and add material in the current fiscal year. The upcoming year will also need a good shaping to bring this dirt road back into shape. No change is proposed to the current year budget.

Gully Brook Road – The budget remains the same – enough to scrape the road back into passable shape in the spring.

MacQuinn Road – Minimal shoulder work is anticipated. The road was paved a couple summers ago and is in good shape, even with heavy truck traffic.

Maxwell Avenue – No change to the \$1,000 budget is proposed. There is shoulder and ditching work to do.

Lorimer Road – We've got some drainage issues at the beginning of the road that we hit hard in this current fiscal year – we were not budgeted for that, but it required attention. The proposed increase to \$2,000 will continue to address those drainage issues.

Birchlawn Drive – No change is proposed to the current fiscal year's budget. This will cover any culvert resets we need to do.

Parking Lots – A minimal amount is budget for maintenance of parking lots at Lamoine Beach, Town Hall, Fire Station and Transfer Station.

Street Signs – No change is proposed from the current fiscal year budget. Last year was one of the lowest cost years to replace road signs. The trend is looking good for the current fiscal year, but a wave of vandalism can quickly wipe that out.

Plow Contract – This is the big unknown. As mentioned in the preamble, the plowing contract for the next five years is currently out to bid. A proposed increase of 7.66% is included.

Salt/Sand – A \$50 increase is proposed based on the actual cost from the previous fiscal year. The line includes a common bid through Hancock County Planning Commission as well as the cost to stock the public salt/sand pile.

Hydrant Plowing – No increase is proposed to the budget.

Salt/Sand Shed Maintenance – we had to do some extensive repairs to the salt/sand shed that were encumbered at the end of the previous fiscal year. Our plow contractor is performing repairs to the roof trusses. So far the engineering costs have come in. Otherwise, the \$2,000 covers electricity, lawn mowing and minor repairs.

Clogged Culverts – This may be the most difficult budget line because it's all based on weather. No change is proposed to the current fiscal year.

Streetlights – Barring any major repair to the traffic light at Routes 3 and 204, the proposed budget cut of \$50 should leave us enough to operate that as well as the other four streetlights in town.

Major Roads – Seal Point Road is proposed to be paved. This is a nearly 2-mile road, and here's the calculation I came up with:

Paving Calculation Sheet

Road Name	Seal Point Rd	
Road Length	10296	(in feet)
Road Width	21	(in feet)
Cost/Ton	75	
	1 Inch	1.5 Inches
Tons	1321.32	2162.16
Total Cost	\$99,099.00	\$162,162.00

We're hopeful paving will stay reasonable. The \$162,500 budget represents a decrease from the current fiscal year. We were quite aggressive with paving Shore and Mill Roads in 2017.

Total Roads Budget – The budget is down thanks to the decreased paving costs. The reduction is \$31,780 or 8.28%.

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